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# Police claim IRA bomb coup

## Power grid may have been target

**John Mullin**

SCOTLAND Yard yesterday claimed its biggest ever success in preventing an imminent IRA attack after officers raided two addresses in London, foiling a plan to explode a huge bomb within hours. Officers believe there would have been "grave loss of life".

Seven men were arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act and 36 of the latest timer-power units for detonating bombs seized, at two south London addresses. Maps and other documents, indicating potential targets, were also recovered.

The search was continuing last night for explosives. John Griev, commander of Scotland Yard's Anti-Terrorist Branch, was hopeful that Semtex, the high explosive favoured by the IRA, would be found. He halted the police operation as stunning.

The breakthrough could hardly have come at a better time for John Major. Pilloried over the Orangemen's standoff at Drumree, County Armagh, and the violence which followed, he saw the peace



Commander Griev shows items seized in the raids

process further devastated by the Enniskillen hotel bombing. His hand with an increasingly critical Dublin government is now strengthened.

Commander Griev refused to give details of the planned attack. Nor would he say why he was convinced it would have taken place within hours, and have led to deaths. "You will be able to hear the evidence in due course."

Commander Griev referred to London utilities as likely targets. Pressed, he said: "That means gas, power, water. I am not prepared to elaborate any further." Police also believe major transport intersections were at risk.

After the IRA ended its 17-month ceasefire with the London Docklands bomb in February, the terrorists have hit the West End of London, Manchester and Osnabruck barracks in Germany in seven further attacks.

Yesterday's coup buys the government some time to get the process back on track. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, made the first move, announcing an independent commission to deal with the marching season problems.

Commander Griev said the police mission nailed the lie that there were difficulties in the relationships among the separate bodies fighting terrorism. The anti-terrorist branch co-ordinated the raids, with close co-operation from the Metropolitan Police firearms unit, Special Branch and MI5.

The role of MI5 is thought to have been crucial. With the timing of the police raids vital, there was strong speculation an informer from within the IRA was key.

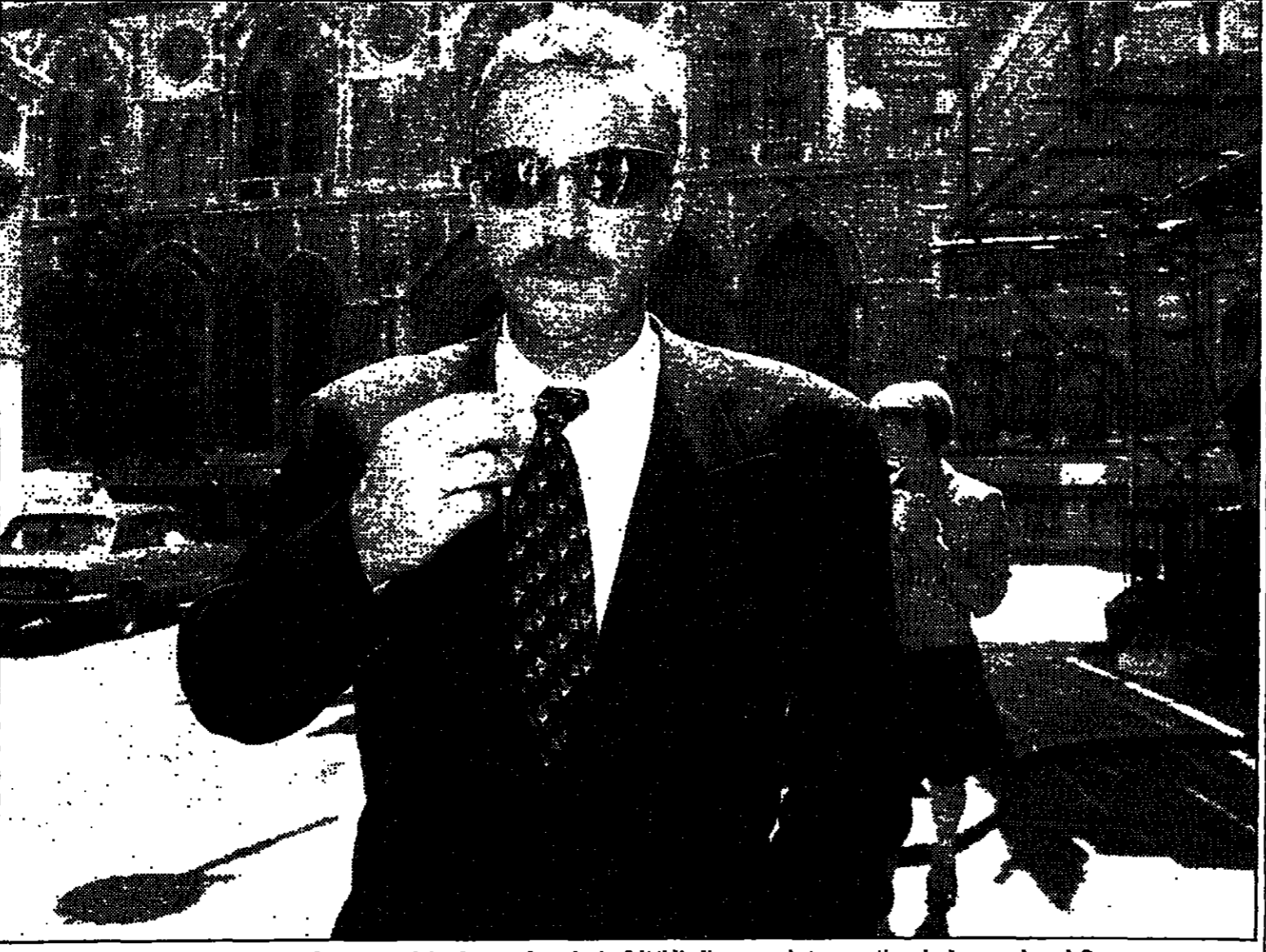
In a departure from his usual conservative approach, Commander Griev was un-

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## Former Test stars bring libel case after being called 'racist, uneducated and lacking class'



**Botham on Imran:** "To be called racist - which is one thing I have fought against for most of my life - and to be called a cheat is something I take great offence to. I don't quite understand what class has to do with it."



Ian Botham outside the High Court where he explained yesterday why he felt 'blinding anger' at accusations by Imran, above left

**Imran on Botham:** "The rational side in the controversy - Tony Lewis, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Derek Pringle are all educated Oxbridge types. Look at the others - Lamb, Botham, Truman. The difference in class and upbringing makes a difference."

## Botham and Lamb hit out at Imran's hat-trick of insults

**Ruaradh Nicol**

JEMIMA and Imran Khan were looking smug together as they bled hands under the table or flicked through a coffee table book charting Mike Atherton's career. A few yards away Ian Botham was sounding aggrieved.

Pointing out that Viv Richards was godfather to one of his children, he was defending himself against Imran's claim that he was a racist. "I like to think I could touch down anywhere in the world and knock on someone's door and, whatever creed or nationality, they would be pleased to see me," he said. "Because both cricket

stars are beginning to age - Botham's monstache turning grey and Imran developing a bald spot - court 13 of the Royal Courts of Justice, rather than Lord's, seemed an appropriate place to do battle.

Allan Lamb, or Lambie as Botham referred to him, is also involved in the alleged libel being heard before Mr Justice French.

Botham and Lambie's lawyer, Charles Gray, explained the case to the jury. He said Imran launched an "offensive personal attack" on the two. "Firstly, he called them racists," he said. "Secondly, he called them uneducated. And thirdly, he accused them of lacking class and upbringing."

Botham was appalled. "I've come to this court because I was very proud of what I achieved in sport and to be called racist - which is one thing I have fought against for most of my life - and to be called a cheat is something I take great offence to."

"I don't quite understand what class has to do with it. The sacrifices my parents made for me to make it possible for me to achieve what I wanted to achieve in sport have been numerous."

Mr Gray explained that it had all begun in an authorised biography of Imran when the Pakistani admitted to tampering with a cricket ball. Botham reacted with disgust and

Imran had replied in an article in India Today magazine.

Mr Gray, quoting from the magazine, said the interviewer had asked what the motive for Botham's attack had been and Imran had replied with venom: "There is a lot of racism here."

Imran, a member of the warrior caste in Pakistan, then brought class into it. "Look at the people who have taken the rational side in the controversy - Tony Lewis, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Derek Pringle. They are all educated Oxbridge types. Look at the others - Lamb, Botham, Truman. The difference in class and upbringing makes a difference."

Botham left secondary school when he was 15 while Imran attended Oxford.

Yesterday both Botham and Lamb displayed nothing but good manners; neither picked their noses or scratched unsavoury parts of their bodies.

Clothing, however, might provide a clue. While Imran wore a dashing black suit that matched his raven hair and Jimma sported a luminous blue kameez that flowed over her pregnancy, both Lambie and Botham managed to look like extras from The Bill.

Mr Gray said Imran is also being sued because of a comment he made to The Sun.

"The biggest names of English cricket have all tampered with the balls and when I say big names I mean as big as you can get," Mr Gray quoted him as saying.

The lawyer pointed out that Botham, who took 383 wickets in his Test career, was certainly one of the greatest bowlers in English cricket.

As Mr Gray continued to examine Botham, and the player told of his "blinding anger" at Imran's attack, the day drifted to a close.

The players wandered out into the sea of cameras on the Strand. According to Mr Gray, all Botham and Lambie had wanted was a retraction and an apology, not 10 days in court.

## Murdoch saves £600m in taxes

**Lisa Buckingham**

RUPERT Murdoch's News Corporation is estimated to have saved more than £600 million in the past five years by exploiting legitimate tax loopholes around the world.

But heavy investment in a number of television projects - which helps to keep the tax bill low - has prompted the corporate ratings group, Standard & Poor's, to downgrade its forecasts for the corporation's earnings outlook.

S & P is concerned that News Corporation's cash flow will be hit for the next four years by its commitments to projects such as the joint venture with Kirch to develop digital pay-TV in Germany, which will only produce profits in the longer term.

Shares in News Corporation dipped yesterday on the rebound from S & P, although the fall was lessened by pre-

dictions that Mr Murdoch's global media empire will next month report profits of about £795 million for the year to June.

City analysts point out that one advantage of News Corporation's heavy investment in new projects is the ability to maintain an extraordinarily low tax charge. But long-term projects absorb the group's cash and lessen its ability to repay debt, which tops £4.5 billion.

The downgrading of News Corporation's profits outlook is based on worries that interest payments will be less easily covered by the group, particularly if, as some analysts predict, News Corporation is forced to accept higher tax payments. Revenue authorities around the world have been attempting to clamp down on the legitimate use of tax loopholes by multinationals.

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Purple Trimble unites the House



Simon Hoggart

SIR PATRICK Mayhew made a statement on Northern Ireland. No doubt some predecessor used to make statements every month or so about the Hundred Years War...

agreed we were permitted to despise was the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble. Mr Trimble sat with his face brick red. Possibly this was embarrassment, but it was more likely the result of marching in the sun for too long over the weekend...



Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei at the parade forming part of his 50th birthday celebrations PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID LOH

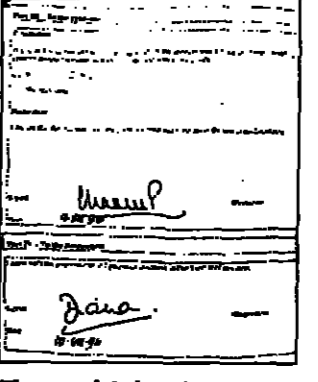
Fifteen years after the pomp, the only party is in Brunei as Waleses' marriage ends

Stuart Miller

JUDGE Gerald Angel should have a "by royal appointment" notice in court one of the High Court's Family Division in London. The district court judge - who granted the divorces of the Duke and Duchess of York...

Hassanal Bolkiah. He opted for a walking stick and an ornamental silver box, with a little water colour painting inlaid into the lid.

In marked contrast to the dreary proceedings in London, the party was a star-studded occasion, with Michael Jackson - the Sultan's favourite pop star - among the dozens of VIPs. Celebrations kicked off with an hour-long military parade in a stadium next to the centre of the town...



The royals' signatures agreeing to the divorce

Book review

A forensic look behind blue eyes

Sam Wollaston

Behind Blue Eyes: A Wife of Pete Townshend Geoffrey Giuliano There is a lot of Peter Townshend about at the moment. Tommy's on stage in London; a re-mastered Quadrophonia has just come out on CD; the Who came back, yet again, in Hyde Park last month...

Louder than anyone else, cheeks bulging with amphetamines, their instrument-smashing stage antics made up for by lack of musicalship. Their post, Bach-loving manager, Kit Lambert, realised the power of marketing and encouraged bad behaviour...

Gore fumes as Yeltsin stands him up

Cancellation of Kremlin talks fuel fears about president's health

David Hearst in Moscow

BORIS YELTSIN yesterday abruptly cancelled an appointment with the American vice-president, Al Gore, and announced he was taking an immediate rest in a sanatorium outside Moscow for two weeks.

list of sporting activities that Mr Yeltsin, aged 65 and the victim of two heart attacks, would undertake - swimming, tennis and hunting. But US officials were puzzled why Mr Gore was given no word of this change of plan...

postponed until tomorrow." When a reporter asked him to elaborate, he snapped: "I just gave you my comment."

vised him to start the war in Chechnya, with the radical democrat economist Anatoly Chubais. Mr Chubais's appointment will hearten Western business investors as much as it will dismay a wide range of Russian political interests.

announced him as the leader of a "fifth column" representing Western interests in Russia. Mr Chubais is being appointed both as Mr Yeltsin's chief of staff and his top aide. The news of the appointment would have delighted the International Monetary Fund on the day another mission arrived to monitor Russia's implementation of a \$10.2 billion (\$8.8 billion) loan.

The appointment was welcomed by leading members of the liberal Yabloko party, whose leader, Grigory Yavlinski, could be offered the post of deputy prime minister in charge of economic reform.

Six years of excuses from the president's men

- Summer 1990: After falling off a bridge into a lake near Moscow, Boris Yeltsin claims he was "thrown off by the KGB". February 1994: After the postponement of a state of the nation speech, Vyacheslav Kostikov, the presidential press spokesman, says: "Political speculation based on fantasies and bad feeling about Boris Nikolayevich's health are extremely anti-patriotic". April 1994: Yeltsin says: "I would wish everybody could have such health at my age... a man who plays tennis with professionals an hour and a half, swims in the Black Sea at a temperature of plus four, and works 16-18 hours a day..."

- July 1, 1996: When Yeltsin fails to record a pre-election address, a member of his campaign team says: "Yeltsin has simply lost his voice." July 3, 1996: After Yeltsin fails to appear at his usual voting station, state TV announces: "Like many other Muscovites, the president voted outside town today." July 15, 1996: When Yeltsin stands up the US vice-president, Al Gore, a spokesman announces the president is to take two weeks' "holiday" in a sanatorium outside Moscow: "The president's tired. He's really very tired, and he just needs a good, proper rest."

Establishment solicitors oust their maverick president

Clare Dyer Legal Correspondent

THE most turbulent year in the Law Society's 150-year history ended last night when its maverick president, Martin Mears, was narrowly defeated in his unprecedented campaign for a second term.

candidate, Anthony Bogan, polling 1,287. Mr Mears's coup in winning election as an outsider last year starkly exposed the alienation High Street solicitors feel towards a body they see as remote and unconcerned with their problems. Mr Mears said last night: "I am pleased the Law Society has acquired the habit of open elections and I expect to be president again in July 1997."



Martin Mears: 'I expect to be president again in 1997'

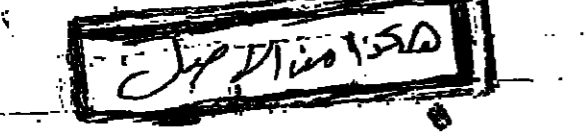
regulatory body and hand its trade union role over to the newly formed Solicitors Association. Both motions are supported by Mr Bogan, though not by Mr Mears. Mr Mears grabbed his first headlines at the society's annual conference last October, when he attacked the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Commission for Racial Equality for funding "preposterous applications" and accused tribunals of allowing themselves to be "hijacked by the discrimination industry".

Scottish Siamese twins die after five days in hospital

Erland Cloostrom

SIAMESE twins whose conjoined hearts were not detected until 24 hours before delivery at a Glasgow hospital died yesterday.

maternity hospital conceded. Other organs, including the kidneys and bowel, were also damaged. A hospital spokesman said the baby girls, who have been named died in their parents' arms after they were taken off ventilation.



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'She doesn't yet know that her mother and sister are dead'

Lucy Manning

THE husband of Lin Russell, who with her six-year-old daughter Megan was battered to death...

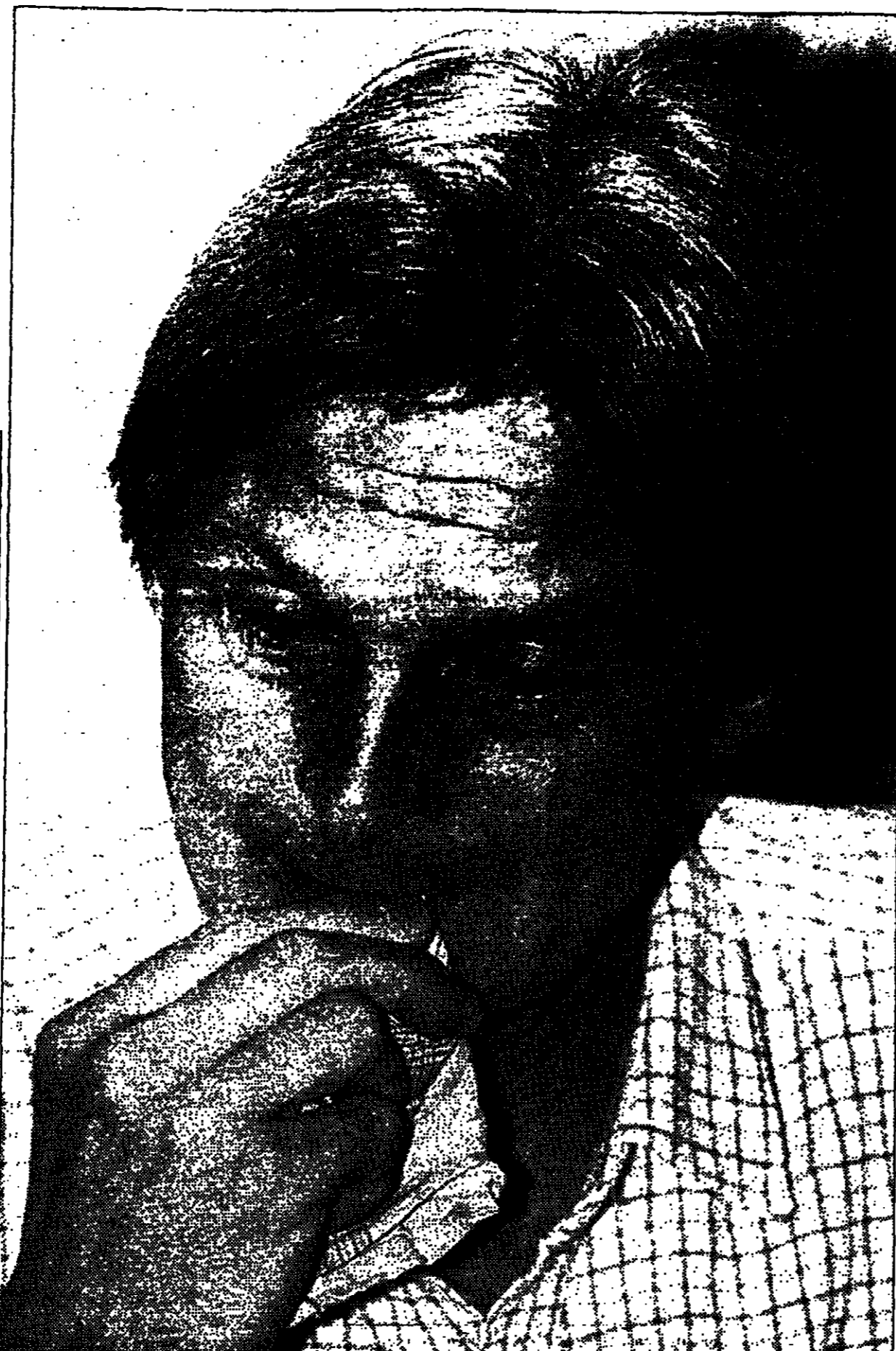
Shaun Russell, frequently breaking down in tears, told a press conference about his feelings following the death of his wife and daughter...

Doctors have said that Josephine, who has been moved from intensive care into a high dependency unit...

It had been hoped that she would be able to help police identify the killer, but Dr Russell said she had not been told about the deaths...

Dr Russell appealed for help in catching the killer, who police believe is a local man who planned the attack...

"The best thing that that person can do for every body's sake and even his own is to come forward...



Shaun Russell, speaking publicly for the first time since his wife and daughter were murdered

ward will tell the police as soon as possible. In the days before the murder Dr Russell had been collecting his children from school by car...

ing so much. They had just thought about security for the first time, when in the week before the murders a plant pot had been stolen from their garden...

where the family lived before moving to Kent. Clutching the baby of a police liaison officer, Dr Russell broke down as he described how much they had loved the area...

countryside. Dr Russell was unsure whether he could return. "I returned to my house for the first time last night and the lanes and the trees and the gardens look very different now..."

BBC chiefs defend shake-up for 'priceless asset' 'No concessions' in World Service row

Andrew Cull Media Correspondent

JOHN Birt, the BBC's director general, insisted yesterday there would be no concessions to campaigners opposed to his changes to World Service radio.

In a firm defence of his restructuring of the corporation, Mr Birt said: "We will take the argument to the doubters and to our staff and in the end we will win it."

His view was endorsed last night by Sir Christopher Bland, the BBC's chairman, who defended the World Service as a priceless national asset not to be squandered.

Mr Birt said: "People talk about it like a status in the garden that needs preserving. It is not an appropriate image - the needs of its audience are changing and it is focusing on audiences in a way it has not done in the past."

Under the shake-up English language news programmes will be commissioned by Bush House staff from the BBC News directorate - the news-gathering machine, responsible for domestic TV and radio bulletins.

Opposition has been led by Mark Tully, a former foreign correspondent who four years ago accused Mr Birt of running a regime based on fear and sycophancy, and John Tusa, a former World Service managing director.

They claim the BBC is needlessly imposing a new layer of



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John Birt BBC director general

management while endangering its international authority and expertise.

Sir Christopher, delivering the opening address at the Radio Festival in Birmingham, said: "The authority of the World Service will not be reduced... John Birt and I have given an undertaking on that to the Foreign Office, and I and the board of governors would not agree to proposals which risked any diminution in quality."

He added: "I will start off by stating categorically that we are not about to squander a

priceless national asset. The World Service is an institution which is recognised and respected around the world. It is an asset for an ambassador both for the BBC and the UK as a whole."

Sir Christopher said Sam Younger, managing director of World Service, would be responsible for ensuring it commissioned and received the right programmes. It would remain a separately managed directorate, responsible for its own scheduling and budgets.

"The World Service's programmes will remain distinct from those in other areas of the BBC. There is no question of it being swallowed up by some homogenising BBC news machine which turns out identical programmes."

"The World Service will have dedicated teams within BBC News providing it with specially tailored services."

Today Mr Younger and Tony Hall, chief executive of BBC News, will explain how the new structure will operate. Mr Tusa has been asked to give evidence to the Commons foreign affairs select committee.

Sir Christopher said some people argued "if it ain't broke, don't fix it", but there was a danger of it becoming "broke" in the future.

Because of cuts in Foreign Office grants the World Service faces a £10 million reduction in its operating budget for 1997/98. Sir Christopher conceded it was under greater financial pressure than any other part of the BBC.

"These changes will allow the World Service to make the most of its scarce resources." Sir Christopher denied that other BBC changes meant domestic network radio was being downgraded at the expense of television.

Europe poised for trade war with US over Cuba

John Palmer in Brussels and Jonathan Freedland in Washington

THE European Union was set to announce today a trade conflict with the United States last night as it prepared to meet threatened US sanctions against European companies trading with Cuba...

EU governments plan legislation to allow them to seize the assets of any American company which wins compensation in US courts against European firms operating in Cuba.

The foreign ministers of the 15 EU member states in Brussels last night endorsed a four-point plan setting out possible retaliatory measures if the US Helms-Burton act leads to transatlantic trade conflict.

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want to act to protect the EU against unjustified measures, the EU trade commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, said last night. "We all have views about how best to promote democratic reform in Cuba, but the way to do it is not to clobber your allies."

The US Congress approved the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act, empowering the US to allow legal action in its courts against foreign firms which buy or sell property expropriated from Americans by the Cuban government. It also allows the US to forbid the entry into America of executives and

shareholders of any foreign companies indicted for trading with Cuba.

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Investors burn fingers in nuclear sell-off

Simon Beavis and Chris Barrie

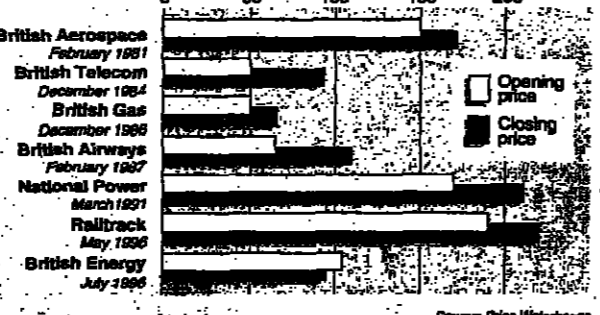
THE Government suffered the biggest humiliation of its privatisation programme yesterday when shares in the nuclear power company, British Energy, slumped on their stock market debut, leaving more than 600,000 small investors nursing losses.

In 17 years of state sell-offs, it is the first time investors have seen their shares fall immediately. Small investors - dubbed Sids after the British Gas sale in 1986 - have previously enjoyed instant and often generous profits.

The shares - priced cautiously by the Government - saw more than 10 per cent of their value wiped out on the

On the first day

First day of flotation: share price, pence.



first day of trading. Losses would have been worse had it not been for a massive share support operation by the Government's official brokers to

the issue, BZW, which declined to say how much it had spent. British Energy shares opened at a first instalment

price of 106p but immediately began tumbling following disclosures late last week that three of the company's eight stations are out of action.

The shares closed at 94p, having touched a low of 90p. Even small investors, who enjoyed a 5p discount on the opening price, ended the day with a loss of 8p a share. An investor with a minimum allocation of 300 would have suffered a paper loss of £18.

Most electricity analysts believe the shares have further to fall - one predicting a price as low as 70p.

Yesterday's share price of 106p is the first instalment. The balance of 98p a share, making a full price of 204p, has to be paid in September 1997 and values the company at £1.4 billion.

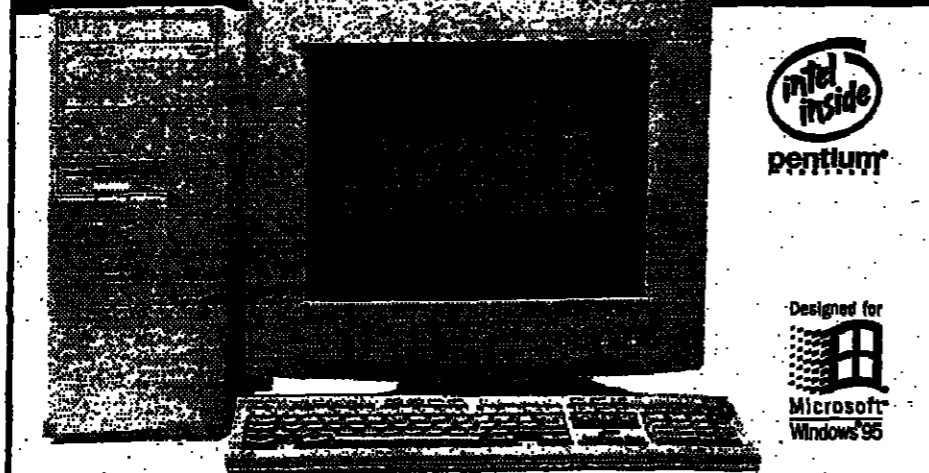
Despite British Energy's

stock market drubbing, Energy Minister Tim Eggar was "delighted" with the sale. "The Sids were perfectly well aware of the technical issues. They were fully disclosed in the prospectus... and (investors) cannot really have grounds for complaint."

With Labour renewing its attack on the sale in a Commons debate today, its energy spokesman John Battle said the Government had persevered in a "dash for cash" to fund tax cuts. "This is looking increasingly like a bad deal for shareholders as well as short-changing the taxpayer."

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Up to 9,000 are at risk of abuse as private arrangements bypass social services and foster parents are not vetted, writes Stuart Millar

# Illegal networks fostering children

## Nigerian parents paying British couples for care

**T**HOUSANDS of Nigerian children, many under five years old, are being treated like commodities by illegal networks of white foster parents across Britain, putting them at risk of abuse and mistreatment.

Social services and adoption agencies believe up to 9,000 children have been farmed out to white families by their parents behind the backs of the authorities. Under the Children Act, social services must vet all foster parents.

The natural parents pay the foster family, typically around £30 a week. But while most children are well cared for, social workers have found evidence of abuse.

Olayinka, a Nigerian in her early twenties, told the Guardian how the white family she paid to foster her five-month-old son in Portsmouth passed him on to another family without her knowledge. "I saw my son. I was just crying because they cut his hair, he was in a terrible position, he was crying, he had mucus running out from his nose. He wasn't looked after. He was just abandoned."

Many parents do not realise

they risk losing their children. If the private arrangement is discovered, the children can be taken into care or put up for adoption.

In the past, arrangements were set up through the magazine *Nursery World*, where families advertised their children for fostering. Although the publishers stopped accepting the adverts for fear of attracting unsuitable people such as paedophiles, a BBC2 documentary for the Black Britain series to be screened tonight has discovered that the networks are still in place in several English counties.

Felicity Collier, director of the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF), said yesterday: "This situation... can't be allowed to continue. Children are being moved around from family to family, and sometimes growing up in areas where they may be the only black child."

She called for a register of approved private foster carers. "Because there is no formal registration and assessment of private carers, the children could be placed with families who are inappropriate. They could be subjected to, at the least, lack of support



Leonora Williams, with Tony, left, and Emmanuel, has fostered 11 Nigerian children since 1988. She still gets calls from parents seeking a white carer



"We want parents to come forward and tell us they are fostering privately to ensure children are getting proper care"

Barbara Evans, above

and understanding and, at the worst, sexual and physical abuse."

Shropshire social services removed two Nigerian children, aged four and eight, from their foster parents after

discovering evidence of an illegal network 18 months ago.

Barbara Evans, director of children's services, said yesterday she believed the networks had spread into other areas including Warwick,

Kent and Hampshire. "We would rather not use the law and courts. We want parents to come forward and tell us that they are fostering privately so that we can work with them to ensure that the

children are getting proper standards of care," she said.

Leonora Williams, a 55-year-old single mother from Shrewsbury, started privately fostering Nigerian children in 1988. Since then she has fos-

tered 11, but is now registered with social services.

She tells the programme: "I saw a friend of mine up town and she'd got this little black boy. I said where did you get him from and she said out of a

magazine called *Nursery World*. So I went straight to W H Smith and bought it."

She still gets phone calls from Nigerian parents trying to find a white home for their children.

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## 'I never saw the nanny'

**O**LAYINKA, a student, had used private foster families "nannies" for her first two children. Although she had found it difficult to leave them with strangers, when she had Joshua in 1991 she decided to send him to a nanny.

"When I had my third child, I was doing my finals," she said. "So a lady told me they knew someone in Portsmouth. I went there and visited the nanny and I was satisfied with the environment. I paid two weeks' money in advance, left all his clothes and nappies and then left my child with her. But they never saw the nanny. I lost all his goods. She was only interested in money. I paid two weeks in advance and the child didn't even stay there for two days."

"When I brought him back he had speech problems," she said. "So I have to start talking him to speech therapists

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Parents found carers through magazine advertisements

She took Joshua back to London. "I've never seen the nanny, the couple I left my child with. I lost all his goods. She was only interested in money. I paid two weeks in advance and the child didn't even stay there for two days."

"When I brought him back he had speech problems," she said. "So I have to start talking him to speech therapists

## £1 bn 'parent tax' anger

**P**ARENTS are having to contribute more than £1 billion a year to their children's supposedly free state education, the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations said yesterday.

The squeeze on school budgets was forcing teachers to ask repeatedly for contributions to pay for educational trips, technology equipment, art materials and other curriculum essentials. "Most parents are being asked to pay £3 to £4 per child per week. It amounts to parent

tax worth £1.2 billion a year," said Sean Rogers, the chairman elect.

"Parents know education has to be paid for. But they would rather pay an honest tax than have their arms twisted behind their backs week after week to pay for extras which schools demand," he said.

Parents' direct contributions towards their own children's learning came on top of regular fundraising and requests for voluntary contributions for the school as a whole, worth £128 million this year.

This money was supposed to fund optional extras, but was being used for books,

equipment, teachers' salaries and school security. There was increasing evidence of "haves and have nots" in the classroom, Mr Rogers said.

The NCPA is publishing the results of a survey of 2,000 schools. In more than half the schools surveyed, there were not enough teachers and morale was deteriorating. Primary heads acknowledged staff were teaching subjects in which their knowledge was weak. Nevertheless, parents at 51 per cent of schools said they believed the quality of education was improving.

The State of the Schools in England and Wales 1996, NCPA

## Judge bars details in Moynihan divorce case

**A** 70-YEAR-OLD Act of Parliament designed to spare living people from "salacious" divorce reports was used yesterday to protect a notorious dead man.

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division of the High Court, ruled that the press could not report details given in the opening of a case involving Lord Moynihan, who fled from Britain facing 57 criminal charges and died four years ago, aged 85, as a millionaire Philippines brothel-keeper.

Lord Meston, QC, acting for the Queen's Proctor, applied

to the court for Moynihan's divorce from his fourth wife, a Filipino named Eduarda, also known as Editha, to be declared null and void.

The divorce was granted in 1990. The grounds for the application argue that Moynihan had his wife's signature of consent forged on court papers and falsely declared that their 14-month-old son, Andrew, was dead.

Lord Meston said Moynihan submitted a dead child's birth certificate to get a false passport for himself. His massage parlour empire is estimated to be worth \$3 million.

The case is regarded as crucial in deciding whether the Moynihan barony is inher-

ited by his half-brother, former Conservative minister Colin Moynihan, by his son, Andrew, aged seven, or by the son of his fifth marriage, Daniel, aged five, who is also in the Philippines. Evidence is expected to include arguments about DNA test results.

After legal argument yesterday, Sir Stephen ruled the action, as a contested divorce, was covered by the 1925 Judicial Proceedings Act, which was framed to "prevent injury to public morals" through publication of indecent evidence. Reporting should be limited to names and charges until the end of the case. He said the law gave him no discretion.

**You and I know only too well that a condition of non-being is not hell. Hell is to cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" and to know that he has not forsaken me but that I have forsaken him.**

George Austin

6 WORLD NEWS

'Wealth chasm must be closed'

Unless a united world reverses the growing disparity, instability must follow, the UN warns. Victoria Brittain and Larry Elliott report

THE wealth of the world's 368 billionaires is greater than the combined annual incomes of nearly half the world's people...

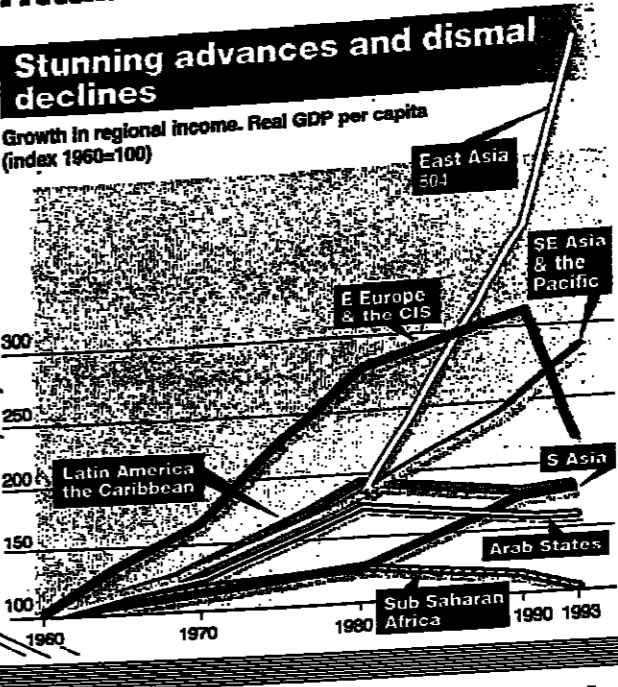
equitable, and action to avoid the five forms of undesirable growth. The UN described these as jobless growth, ruthless growth where only the rich benefit...

Poverty by numbers

- The wealth of the world's 368 billionaires exceeds the combined annual incomes of countries with nearly half the world's people. In 1990-8 average incomes fell by a fifth or more in 21 countries...

Economic growth had failed for a quarter of the world's people, leading to a global polarization, the report said. Eighty nine countries were now worse off than they were 15 years ago...

tackled the world-wide problem of unemployment (Mauritius, Japan and Sweden are other examples of government commitment to job protection). A study of 69 countries showed that of the 45 with economic growth, more than 40 per cent experienced jobless growth...



Hindu women wash in the holy waters of Baan Ganga tank in south Bombay as part of India's festival of the new moon, Somavati Amavasya, observed by those hoping to be absolved of their sins...

No room in desert for 'human dodos'

After centuries of abuse, there are 100,000 Bushmen left in southern Africa. Suzanne Daley visits a beleaguered community in the Kalahari game park

government is placing more importance on the animals than on us, said Gabotlwe Matsema, who has lived at Xade for more than 10 years...

THE 1,000 Bushmen on this vast desert reserve are often described as the last Bushmen on earth living their traditional hunter-gatherer life...

But recently the government began putting pressure on them to leave. A meeting between a land minister and the Bushmen in February left many believing that if they did not go on their own, they would be removed...

Afghan PM bans music in the name of Islam

Kathy Evans THE prime minister of Afghanistan, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, has closed all the country's cinemas and banned music on television and radio...

Forbidden pleasures

- Going to the cinema Listening to or playing music Playing cards Playing football, volleyball or chess Dog fights Long hair on men Watching videos, satellite television Horse racing

"Going to the cinema was the only time Afghans could get together. Because of the war people do not invite friends to their homes, because there is not enough food. Going to the cinema was a great social occasion..."

Pressure grows for Italians to return Ethiopia's pride

Alice Martin in Addis Ababa

THE elderly tour guide was adamant. "Please, you must be a true witness. This obelisk has to be returned to Aksum where it belongs. It is our own. It was made here by our ancestors and it tells how strong and clever they were..."



The obelisk, captured by Mussolini in 1937, in Rome

13,000 signatures on a petition demanding the obelisk's "immediate restitution" which will it will present to the Italian parliament. Professor Richard Pankhurst, a member of the committee, believes that the time is ripe...

Seal cull stains Skeleton Coast

Ben Hirschler in Cape Cross, Namibia

THE seal colony at Cape Cross, echoing with hundreds of bleating pups demanding their next feed, is a rare sign of life on the Skeleton Coast of Namibia...

More than 200,000 seals died as oxygen-deficient water moving up the coast forced fish stocks beyond the seals' feeding range. Burgess Oelofsen, director of resource management at the department of fisheries, said all the evidence suggested that the numbers were improving...

At Sharkey's bar in Glasgow a musician called Martin complained that sectarian tensions locally make it impossible for him to perform traditional 'rebel' songs. 'People here can be threatened, but down south, even when they're English, they don't mind a bit,' he grumbled.

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# Campaigning stops as Serb police threaten UN

Ian Black in London and John Palmer in Brussels

**C**AMPAIGNING in Bosnia's post-war elections was postponed yesterday amid ominous threats to Western forces as international pressure again mounted for the swift removal of Serb leaders indicted as war criminals.

At the same time announced that it had grounded Bosnian government military aircraft after finding four anti-tank weapons and ammunition on a helicopter which should have been carrying passengers.

European Union governments were split last night on whether elections should proceed as planned in September if Mr Karadzic continues to play a public political role.

The German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, vetoed an expression of support for the international peace mediator, Carl Bildt.

## Attack on east German camp site 'by far right'

Denis Stanton in Berlin

**E**ASTERN Germany's fledgling tourist industry feared for its future yesterday as seven holidaymakers received hospital treatment after rightwingers attacked three camp sites in Mecklenburg at the weekend.

Police charged six youths with breaching the peace, causing bodily harm and damaging property, but they insisted that they were not treating the incident as a rightwing extremist act.

Some of them shouted "Sieg Heil" and other Nazi slogans as they attacked the campers and destroyed the tents.

## Asean stands by Burma as EU debates sanctions

John Palmer in Brussels

**A**S EUROPEAN Union governments discussed sanctions against Burma in protest at the death in prison of the honorary consul James Nichols, the Association of South-east Asian Nations announced last night that it will grant Burma observer status later this week.

EU diplomats expressed surprise and anger that Asean had decided on closer links with the military regime in Rangoon in the face of international criticism of its human rights record.

All Asean states, including the Indonesian foreign minister, said all seven Asean member states had agreed to give Burma observer status in the organisation.

## Drug users seek fix that killed rock musician

Handy Kennedy in New York

**F**EAR from frightening drug users, news at the weekend of the death of a member of the rock group Smashing Pumpkins has increased demand in the city for the brand of heroin that killed him.

Capt McCarthy said: "When people die from something, or nearly die, there's this rush to get it, because it must be better, it's amazing, but it happens."

Smashing Pumpkins case say that the heroin that killed Melvin, who had been hired as a backup musician for a world tour, was brought on the city's Lower East Side on Thursday.

## Planet earth is blue and there's nothing she can do: US astronaut is told she must stay in her tin can

Jonathan Freedland in Washington

**T**HIS IS Ground Control to Major Shannon. There's something wrong, can you hear me Major Shannon? With not exactly those words, NASA scientists told the US astronaut Shannon Lucid that a technical fault condemned her to stay sitting in a tin can, far above the earth, for another six weeks - extending her already record-breaking 116-day stint.

Ms Lucid, on board the Russian space station Mir since March, was due to be picked up and brought home next month by the US space shuttle Atlantis.

Major Lucid keeps smiling as her stint in space grows



Stepping out... Chelsea may be a main speaker at the Democratic convention. Officials hope she can bolster the president's image as head of a Kennedyesque family and soften the public's impression of Mrs Clinton

## Chelsea bids farewell to the shade

The awkward adolescent may now be a useful weapon for the Clintons, reports Jonathan Freedland in Washington

**L**IKE a debutante coming out, Chelsea Clinton may be about to shed her father's shadow and public spotlight by making a televised speech at the Democratic convention next month which will nominate her father for the presidency.

It is also uncertain whether Mrs Clinton will speak at the convention, which will be held in Chicago, on August 26.

### News in brief

- Ugandan rebels kill 91 Sudanese refugees** - UGANDAN rebels suspected of being Christian fundamentalists slaughtered 91 Sudanese refugees in separate attacks last week. United Nations relief workers said yesterday.
- Abiola deal denied** - Ore Falomo, the doctor of the detained Nigerian opposition leader Moshood Abiola, denied a press report yesterday that a deal was being negotiated for his release. - Reuters.
- Volcano's new life** - Mount Ruapehu, a volcano in New Zealand's North Island, pumped out huge clouds of ash yesterday as it burst back to life after several days of slumber. - Reuters.
- Earthquake panic** - Families fled in panic into the streets early yesterday as an earthquake in Annecy, in the French Alps, sent roof tiles crashing to the ground and smashed windows. - Reuters.
- Glutton jailed** - Li Jitong, a village leader in Gaogong, eastern Anhui province in China, who ate and drank his way through 14,000 of public funds has been sentenced to a year in jail. China's state-run Xinhua news agency reported yesterday. - AP.
- 26 die in air crash** - TWENTY-SIX people were killed when a Belgian air force Hercules transport plane carrying members of a Dutch military band crashed at Eindhoven airport in the southern Netherlands yesterday. Dutch television reported. Dozens were injured.
- Channel tunnel heroin haul** - French customs agents have seized 250kg of heroin at the entrance to the Channel tunnel, the biggest drug haul since the days of the French Connection, the government said yesterday.
- Burundi dilemma** - President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya expressed doubt yesterday about a Western-backed regional peace plan to end ethnic slaughter in Burundi, and firmly ruled out sending his troops there. He said that extremists were putting the idea of sending "security assistance" in jeopardy. - Reuters.
- Food poison alert** - Sakai city, in western Japan, shut down all its 82 public elementary schools after a food poisoning outbreak affected 3,791 schoolchildren. - AP.
- £2.8bn handout** - A European Union programme will provide countries from Morocco to Turkey with 3.4 billion ecu (\$2.8 billion) over five years as part of the EU's plans to shore up security along its southern flank. - Reuters.
- Microsoft and NBC take on CNN with new news channel** - THE FIRST salvo in America's 24-hour news war was fired yesterday as Microsoft, the software giant, and NBC, the television network, launched a new cable news channel to compete with CNN, writes Ian Katz in New York.
- Microsoft and NBC take on CNN with new news channel** - The new channel opened last night with an interview with President Clinton and appearances by many of NBC's heavy-weight presenters.

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# Finance Guardian

## Bears out on Wall Street

Mark Tran in New York

**F**EARS that the bull market on Wall Street is coming to a sudden halt increased last night when the stock market plunged more than 150 points, half-hour before the close.

Trading at 5357.64, down 152.92 points, technology companies were in the firing line with IBM and AT&T sharply down. The initial slide on Wall Street was triggered last week when Hewlett-Packard and Motorola warned of sluggish sales. But uncertainty has been gripping the markets for several months following unemployment figures, which have sent long-term interest rates surging to 7.18 per cent.

For many analysts, the present correction is long overdue as the US stock market has not suffered a 10 per cent drop in six years, the longest stretch without such a retreat. Analysts warned that the Dow Jones can expect another 5 per cent drop if fears of a 10 per cent fall are fulfilled.

That's no turn on, said Mr Wachtel. "What the market needs is some inspiration. You're not going to get that by hitting the numbers. You have to beat them." Among stocks investors will be watching closely this week will be Intel and Apple.

that investors had been lulled into a false sense of security over constantly rising corporate profits. Investors will be disappointed this quarter, she predicted. She also expressed concern that many investors had borrowed money to buy shares and, as they are forced to pay back their margin calls, that will reinforce the market's downward spiral.

the FTSE-100, which suffered its third successive day of falls to finish at 3698.3. The index has now fallen by almost 70 points since last Wednesday.

### Notebook

## No-lose myth is finally exploded



Alex Brummer

**U**NTIL now, privatisation has largely been a no-lose game for the private investor. Even in cases of a share price dip, such as that which followed the second-tranche sell-off of PowerGen and National Power, recovery was not long in coming, despite the regulator's ill-timed price review.

### Taxing times

**W**HETHER it is £4 billion or £10 billion a year, tax avoidance costs Britain dear. But the Labour Party has its hands full in attempting to clamp down on more than a few medium-sized companies which play fast and loose with the VAT rules.

## Chip glut puts new UK projects at risk

Mark Milner and Chris Barrie

**A**QUESTION mark was hanging over two of the UK's most prestigious inward investment projects last night, when Siemens and Hyundai said they might delay or scale back projects because of a glut in semiconductor production.

deputy, Michael Heseltine, was to create 1,800 jobs in two phases. State aid worth £45 million in grants, training and infrastructure spending were used to entice the company to Britain.

Whether that is a good business decision has to be seen. Meanwhile, Hyundai Electronics Industries said it was likely to go ahead with a long-expected £1.3 billion (£88 million) semiconductor plant, probably at Dumerline in Scotland, but warned that a slowdown in the growth of the semiconductor market could delay an announcement.

The Siemens review comes one week after Hyundai's announcement that it was to make Europe's largest single investment by spending £1.7 billion to make cathode ray tubes and semiconductor products in south Wales, creating more than 8,100 jobs over six years.

Building work on the first phase is almost complete, and on the existing schedule Siemens will start installing machinery in November.

Semiconductor prices have plunged as new capacity came on stream just as the growth in personal computer sales abated. The launch of Microsoft Windows 95 was forecast to increase demand for computer memory, but its lukewarm reception meant that growth failed to materialise.

## Names back key part of Lloyd's £3bn rescue deal

Pauline Springett

**L**LOYD'S of London yesterday took two giant strides towards securing its future when its Names endorsed a key plank of its £3.2 billion rescue deal and also rejected moves by dissidents to radically alter the reconstruction plan.



block to our plan for the reconstruction of Lloyd's." Earlier Mr Rowland told the 3,000 Names present that their endorsement of the levy was crucial because it would be the first public signal of whether the rescue deal would succeed.

At past annual meetings they have vented their anger at Mr Rowland and his team. Yesterday the mood was calmer. However, some of the more disgruntled Names forced Lloyd's to hold an extraordinary general meeting after the AGM. The rebels wanted a raft of fundamental changes to the rescue deal, including a 2 per cent levy on the profits of the market for the next 15 years.

## BAT plans to roll up its financial services

Lisa Buckingham

**B**AT, whose interests range from tobacco to insurance, yesterday revealed plans to roll its financial services businesses into one company in an attempt to drive up its market share and save money.

between the financial services companies and to differentiate their market position to enhance growth and profits.

In Britain, the company plans to develop Threadneedle as a global investment house but will also add a retail business aimed at "serious investors" with lump sum products expected to provide an initial focus.



In the frame... Disney's view of the legendary princess

## Tarmac gets little mileage from Pocahontas legend

Dan Atkinson

**R**ARELY does the Disney magic shine on an organisation as associated with the mundanities of road-mending and gravel-digging as Tarmac, when it does so, supposedly takes her name.

company should own the island that takes her name. Or supposedly takes her name. In Virginia it is a different story. A local Tarmac employee, rung from head office in the UK for details of Pocahontas Island, was baffled. Then the penny, or cent, dropped: "You mean the Dutch Gap?"

saved the life of Captain John Smith is open to doubt, to say the least. Pocahontas, married as Lady Rebecca Rolfe, travelled to England, was received at the court of King James and died in 1617.

### Roger Cowe

**O**NE in four local chemist shops could close if resale price maintenance (RPM) on medicines is abolished, according to management consultants commissioned by the Community Pharmacy Action Group.

pharmacies. He said that local pharmacists make almost half their profits from over-the-counter medicines because of cuts in government payments for dispensing prescriptions.

## Prices threat to 3,000 chemists

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# 12 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

## Chancellor cools pre-election giveaway fever • Happiness for house sellers • Sharing system worries investors

Despite fresh signs of strength in the housing market and on the high street, the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, holds out the prospect of further interest rate cuts still to come...

# Tax cuts hit borrowers, says Clarke

Richard Thomas  
Economics Correspondent

THE Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, warned MPs yesterday that tax giveaways in November's budget could scupper hopes of pre-election interest rate cuts. Speaking to the all-party Treasury select committee, Mr Clarke said that financial markets would punish unjustified fiscal easing by pushing up the cost of borrowing. In the latest round of his campaign to play down hopes of large-scale tax cuts, the Chancellor said: "If we are perceived as cutting taxes for political reasons, we would pay a penalty in higher interest rates — which would be damaging for a large section of the population."

Hinting that the next move in base rates — from the current 5.75 per cent level — would be downward, Mr Clarke said lower mortgage payments from a 1 percentage point cut in base rates were more valuable to the average family than trimming 1p off the standard tax rate.

"For quite a large proportion of people, interest rates have more impact than income tax," he said. The Chancellor denied using monetary policy as a form of demand management, but admitted there was much further to go before the consumer and housing recovery took hold.

Ahead of tomorrow's publication of the minutes of the May policy meeting with the Bank of England governor, Eddie George — which are expected to show that Mr Clarke cut rates by 0.25 percentage points against the Bank's advice — he warned of the dangers of keeping the cost of borrowing too high. "I do not believe in setting interest rates any higher than is necessary to hit the inflation target," he said. "Anyone can hit an inflation target by squeezing all the life out of an economy."

Despite figures published yesterday showing house prices rising at the fastest rate since the late 1980s and a fresh pick-up on Britain's high street, Mr Clarke insisted that inflationary pressures were muted and played down expectations of a re-run of the 1980s boom. "People are

worrying about over-heating, but in fact we are simply warming up from quite a low temperature," he said. "There is still a long, long way to go." Estate agents polled by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) last month said prices had jumped by more in the three months to June than since October 1988. But Ian Perry, RICS housing market spokesman, said that the reluctance of potential sellers to put their homes up for sale was the reason for the rise in price, as supply failed to meet demand. "A shortage of housing stock is driving up prices in the short term," he said. "This could put the brakes on the continuing housing market recovery."

The average number of homes on the books of each estate agent was just 124 — the lowest figure since spring 1989. However, Mr Perry said sellers should soon begin to react to stronger activity and offer homes for sale — which would stabilise prices and keep the market moving.

Stronger demand for housing is already producing brisk trade for retailers, according to the latest snapshot of the high street by the British Retail Consortium. Sales in June were up by 7 per cent on the same month last year — compared to May's annual rise of 6.3 per cent — with housing-related spending in furniture and DIY stores particularly buoyant.

Andrew Higginson, chairman of the consortium's economics affairs committee, said: "Consumer confidence and willingness to spend has certainly improved and this is reflected in greater optimism among retailers."

Summer clothing sales and an upturn in sales of alcoholic drink, helped by Euro 96 soccer, also boosted overall retail sales, the BRC said. The improvement in the property market is also beginning to trickle down to the construction industry, according to a separate survey by the Building Employers Confederation released yesterday. Output by UK construction firms grew by 0.8 per cent in the second quarter of 1996, the first rise since the beginning of 1995. "We can at least begin to see some light at the end of a very long, dark tunnel," said Paul Shepherd, chairman of the BEC.



### Crest system of paperless dealing 'no threat to small shareholders'

THE Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, insisted yesterday that Crest, the computerised paperless share settlement system, would not price small shareholders out of the market. Speaking at a ceremony

where he switched on Crest (above), a system costing more than £25 million, Mr Clarke said it would benefit both institutional and small shareholders by reducing their risk and dealing costs. He said that Crest marked a "new era" for the City, and would help to

keep London at the "cutting edge" of financial markets. The Chancellor also tried to allay fears that dealing costs would rise for small shareholders because of Crest. "Private shareholders have not been forgotten," he said. "Those who wish to keep their share certifi-

cates can do so and trade at a reasonable cost." However, Howard Davies, deputy governor of the Bank of England, who was also at the launch, said: "Some shareholders may have been subsidised [by larger share-dealing organisations] in the past, and that must come to an

end. But in the long run, the cost of a paperless system is bound to be lower, and all investors will benefit from that." Christine Dann, director of operations at the Stock Exchange, said that Crest's benefits would be seen over time. PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN ARGLES

# Siemens' recovery points way for new-style global capitalism

### OUTLOOK/Chief executive Dr Heinrich von Pierer has moved with the times, he tells MARK MILNER in Cernobbio

DR HEINRICH von Pierer has every reason to be a happy man. Nine months into the financial year at Siemens, where he is chief financial officer, the company looks set to redeem his pledge that net income will be up by a fifth this year. But it is not quite there yet. At the nine-month mark, the improvement is running at 18 per cent — close enough to bring that 20 per cent figure within sight, but just far enough away to indicate that the original target was a sufficiently demanding one.

The group managed to turn in productivity gains of DM5.2 billion (€696 million) in the nine months to the end of June, while new orders sported a healthy 9 per cent improvement at DM72.9 billion — it is thanks to its performance abroad rather than at home. Corporate Germany has its problems and Dr von Pierer is not inclined to gloss over them. External investment by German companies is running, he says, at about DM48 billion a year — while foreign investment in Germany is about DM14 billion.

On a rule of thumb basis, the Siemens chief executive reckons that the investment shortfall equates to somewhere between 300,000 and 350,000 new jobs — enough to make a dent in Germany's 4 million-strong dole queue. Little wonder that Dr von Pierer is anxious that the Bonn government's strategy for job creation bears, at least some, fruit. The company itself, however, is an example of Germany's industrial difficulties. On a like-for-like basis, the group will shed more than 2,000 jobs in many this year — rather less than earlier forecasts of about 3,000. Nor is it just jobs. Last year

# News in brief

## CBI seeks boost for transport sector

BRITAIN'S declining transport infrastructure needs boosting with £11.25 billion a year over the next decade. The CBI said yesterday. Asair Turner, its director general, said that private finance could increase to an estimated third of future investment, but this would still leave the public sector responsible for most investment. The £11.25 billion compares with the £2.75 billion average invested each year over the past decade. Nearly half the proposed investment, says the CBI, should be devoted to maintenance and renewal of existing road and rail networks. Mr Turner said that investment in all transport modes should rise, but that roads' share of investment should fall from 66 per cent to 62 per cent. Among the CBI's targets are the completion of the west coast main line from London to Glasgow and the national roads programme within 10 years, the opening of Terminal 5 at Heathrow and a second runway at Manchester airport. — Keith Harper

## Escom UK wields axe

MORE than 180 head office staff of Escom UK were made redundant yesterday after the computer retailer was put into receivership by Barclays Bank late on Friday. The fate of about 800 staff at the company's 168 Rumbelows stores is still in the balance. The job losses follow the decision by the German parent company, Escom AG, to file for bankruptcy after the court-appointed administrator was unable to raise enough new capital to keep it afloat. Under German law a company must file for bankruptcy if it fails to get agreement from a majority of its creditors to a restructuring plan allowing it repay 95 per cent of debts within a set period. — Nicholas Bannister

## Scottish Power talks

SCOTTISH Power said last night that it had entered "co-operation" talks with Electrabel, Belgium's largest quoted company, on how to best share technology developments. Scottish Power, which also said that Electrabel had taken a 1.5 per cent stake in it, said the Belgian company would be one of a "number" of overseas utility companies it would be talking to. Under the agreement, Electrabel will not take a stake of more than 5 per cent in Scottish Power over the next two years, while Scottish Power — which recently bought Southern Water — may also take a similar stake in the Belgian group over the same period. Announcing the talks, Scottish Power chairman Ian Robinson said the group had held "constructive" talks with Electrabel over the last few months, and said there was "plenty of potential" to work together. — Ian King

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GROWING consumer spending is fuelling a bonanza in advertising expenditure, which rose by 4.3 per cent in real terms last year to £10.5 billion, according to the latest influential review from Zenith, the large media-buying company. The growth in advertising for 1995 had been forecast at just 3.4 per cent. Zenith predicts a 5.2 per cent real growth rate in 1996, followed by two more years of similar expansion, with TV and radio likely to be the major beneficiaries. Although the UK showed the strongest advertising growth in Europe, it was below the global growth rate of 8.9 per cent which took total expenditure on advertising worldwide to £180 billion. — Lisa Buckingham

## Mercury quits paging

MERCURY Communications has decided to pull out of the paging business with a view to re-investing in "forward-looking" operations such as Internet or data services. It has agreed to sell its 51 per cent stake in Mercury Paging to a US management team for £30.8 million. M-Tel and Motorola, the minority shareholders, have also agreed to sell their stakes in a deal which values the paging business at £60 million. — Nick Bannister

## Costain warning

CONSTRUCTION group Costain has warned that if next Monday's shareholder meeting does not approve its financial restructuring the group will be plunged into receivership. The refinancing will leave the Malaysian firm Intri with a 40 per cent shareholding, and banks are also likely to end up with a sizeable stake. — Roger Cooe

## Eurotherm shares leap

SHARES of Eurotherm, the electronics group, jumped 18p to 547p yesterday on reports that it is on the point of reinstating ousted chief executive Clive Hulman. — Ian King

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# Airbus secures £3bn GE order

KEITH HARPER  
Transport Editor

A £3 BILLION order for 45 aircraft and options on an additional 45 has been won by Airbus Industrie, the European plane-making consortium, from the aircraft-leasing arm of General Electric.

General Electric Capital Aviation Services will buy 40 jets from the aircraft group's A320 family of short-haul jets and five of its long-range A340-300s. It has matching options on both planes.

The order is the first from Geccas, which manages one of the world's largest commercial aircraft fleets.

Jean Pierson, managing director of Airbus Industrie, which also includes British Aerospace, said: "The decision by Geccas to invest in aircraft for the first time and in such significant numbers further consolidates the strong market appeal of our new generation products."

For Geccas, the order follows

# Pentland resists £65m attempt to muscle in on Speedo brand

ROGER COOE

PENTLAND, the sports and leisure brand management group, is resisting a bid for its 23 per cent stake in Authentic Fitness Corporation, licensee of Pentland's Speedo brand in North America, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Pentland said yesterday it would not accept the Warnaco offer, which values the holding at £55 million. Warnaco announced an intended merger with AFC at the beginning of last month and has already increased the terms by 13 per cent.

The UK group acquired the stake in AFC for £9.7 million and it is included in Pentland's balance sheet at £13.3 million. But, based on the AFC's share price, the holding has a value of £56 million.

Stephen Rubin, chairman of Pentland, said: "We have no objection in principle to the acquisition of AFC by Warnaco, although we believe strongly in the long-term value and prospects of AFC."

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Motor Racing

Alan Henry on the governing body's moves to liven up races

Formula One cars may get nose job

SOMETHING must be done to liven up grand prix racing and produce more closely contested events than Sunday's professional British Grand Prix at Silverstone and the sport's governing body is poised to do it by introducing sweeping changes to the technical rules governing the cars' construction.

later complained of poor flag marshalling but the McLaren was lapping almost two seconds per lap quicker than the Saubers.

work is being carried out by the Fia with quarter-scale models of cars in sophisticated wind tunnels. In particular, tests are being carried out with two models positioned nose to tail to gain a more detailed understanding of the effect caused by aerodynamic turbulence when one car is following another very closely.



Hill stalled... the British driver in the sand for the second day running - at the RAC Country Club, Epsom, yesterday

Cricket

Presenting a united and democratic Pakistan

David Foot meets the manager who has transformed the much-maligned tourists

YAWAR SAEBD leans over the players' balcony. He is surrounded by his team as they applaud with undisguised joy the innings of a 19-year-old. "You are looking at a very different side - and a very happy one."

"I can assure you there are no divisions now. We have made certain rules. Ours is a very democratic team. I involve the players in every decision."

field, it was arranged for Saeed to come over and play a few matches for Somerset. His debut was against the Australians in 1983; the 18-year-old took two wickets, including that of Lindsay Hassett, and scored 48 at No. 8.

Kiwis fail to shake English tailenders

THE England ninth-wicket pair of Clare Taylor and Suzie Redfern held out for 27 overs at Guildford yesterday to deny New Zealand victory in the third Test and the series.

England, set 311 to win in the day, were in deep trouble at 66 for four. But first the Yorkshire captain Suzie Metcalfe dug in for a three-hour half-century and then Taylor and Redfern defied the New Zealand attack and clusters of close fielders for an unbroken partnership of 65.

Racing

Bonanza time for old Ned

Ken Olfner

NED'S BONANZA, a seven-year-old, is expected to be England's principal contender. Ireland's Vintage Crop, hiding to become only the fifth horse to win the race twice, is a near certain starter and he could be joined by Oscar Schindler. Last year, when Vintage Crop finished third, Double Trigger was England's top runner.

Beverly card with form guide

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Williamson returns to action

NORMAN WILLIAMSON resumes riding at Killarney tonight. He rides Pat The Hat for John Walsh and last another booked ride there on Wednesday.

Brighton runners and riders

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Rugby

Both codes have transformed themselves, both have done television deals with Rupert Murdoch. So what do people think of them so far?

The year that changed everything

FOR years rugby league and union have been at odds... Both codes have transformed themselves, both have done television deals with Rupert Murdoch.

Rugby union

The player RICHARD COCKERILL (Leicester and England A) "There is an awful lot of posturing going on, particularly as the Five Nations is covered by an existing BBC contract."

The administrator

DAVID TYLER (Bristol) "There is an awful lot of posturing going on, particularly as the Five Nations is covered by an existing BBC contract."

The fan

DAVID EACHUS (Richmond) "Rugby is going down the road of pay-per-view and that has to be bad news for the vast majority of supporters."

Rugby league

The players NIC GRIMOLDY (chairman, Professional Players Association) "There have been a number of positives for the players."

The administrator

PETER TUNICKS (chief executive, Wakefield Trinity) "I doubt you would find any administrators at rugby league clubs over here prepared to criticise a deal which has got them a share in £87 million over five years."

The fans

JOHN SAVAGE (chairman, Rugby League Supporters Association) "The vast majority of fans would say they are in favour of Super League."

France can heal TV rift

Robert Armstrong sees the chance of a compromise to solve the crisis

IT WAS a racing certainty that the "raging English and Boshie Celts" — as a senior Rugby Football Union officer mischievously described the Five Nations...

Tour de France

Podenzana bites on the final day of the underdog

William Fotheringham in Villeneuve-sur-Lot

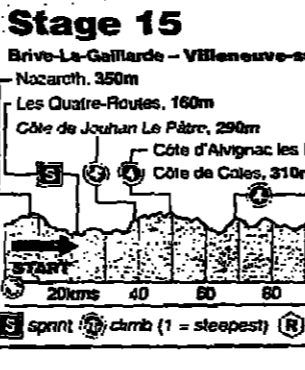
ONE of the many unwritten rules of the Tour de France is that the team with the yellow jersey does not get greedy and stop teams with no interest in the overall ranking...

gians as if to say that, if he wanted to win, now was the time he should work for it. By the time he had made up his mind, Podenzana was set fair for the first Tour stage win of his lengthy career.



Jean's genie... Podenzana enjoys his first ever stage victory

However, Riis is clearly confident: "The climb is made for me. I can gain time — minutes or seconds. The form I'm in is the best I have ever known and I reasonably think I can make it."



Stage 15 Brive-la-Gallarde - Villeneuve-sur-Lot 160km. The route starts in Brive-la-Gallarde and ends in Villeneuve-sur-Lot, passing through several towns and hills.

Soccer

PFA may sue despite new peace talks

Ian Ross

TALKS aimed at averting a first-ever strike by some of England's professional footballers are likely to be resumed tomorrow.

"We haven't actually paid the full 10 per cent since 1987 because of various reasons," Williamson said. "We believe that by maintaining payment at the previous levels we are ensuring that the previous provisions are not being breached."

Liverpool denial of Poborsky chase clears way for United

MANCHESTER United's chances of signing Karel Poborsky improved appreciably yesterday when Liverpool strenuously denied making a second bid to lure him to Anfield.

Manchester United's manager Roy Evans is still waiting to learn whether his £2.5 million bid for Poborsky's international team-mate Patrik Berger has been accepted by the German club Borussia Dortmund.

Sport in brief

Basketball The Orlando Magic are ready to offer Shaquille O'Neal \$15 million (£7.4 million) over seven years to make him the best-paid player in the NBA. "I just want a fair deal," the centre said.

Results

Soccer INTERCITY CUP: Greenock Albion 4, Dundee 1. Scottish Cup: Dundee 1, Greenock Albion 0. Scottish League: Dundee 1, Greenock Albion 0.

Golf

PGA TOUR: Tiger Woods 1, Greg Norman 2, Tom Watson 3. The Open: Nick Faldo 1, Greg Norman 2, Tom Watson 3.

Tennis

ATP TOUR: Ivan Lendl 1, Andre Agassi 2, Boris Becker 3. Wimbledon: Boris Becker 1, Andre Agassi 2, Ivan Lendl 3.

Cricket

TEST MATCH: England 1, West Indies 2. One Day Internationals: England 1, West Indies 2.

Cycling

Tour de France: William Fotheringham 1, Greg LeMond 2, Bernard Hinault 3.

Evening Racing

Wolverhampton: 6.45 (1st) 1. DAVILLE, 2. Sprack 5-2. 7.15 (1st) 1. DAVILLE, 2. Sprack 5-2.

Fixtures

Soccer FRIENDLY MATCH: Southampton v Aberdeen (7.45). Cricket AXA EDUITY & LAW LEAGUE: Northants (14.0) v Warwick (14.0).

Ice Hockey

Nottingham Panthers of the Superleague have signed the Canadian forward Derek Lavdal, 30, who was Humboldt's top scorer last season.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 4, Boston 5. National League: Detroit 4, Boston 5.

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Golf

The Open Championship

# Seve the Spanish lion sustained by his pride

David Davies on whether Lytham can re-ignite the Ballesteros spark

WHEN Severiano Ballesteros saw the sign yesterday, hanging from the window of a house by the second tee, he knew he was back — back to the scene of his greatest triumph and back to the place where he has won two of his three Open Championships, Royal Lytham St Annes.

The sign was in Spanish, in white letters on a red background, and it read: "Severiano, gana por favor" — Seve, win please — and it was hanging from the same window of the same house as it had in 1988 when he arguably reached his peak.

But it is a mixture of that self-belief combined with pride that has drained him. All his life he has felt driven to produce the best possible performance, which has meant that in hundreds of trivial pre-tournament programs he has actually been trying to win.

**'I was famous because of one birdie. It took me nine years to get away from that thing'**

It has also meant that in an era of appearance money he has been acutely conscious of the fact that the promoter is depending on him at least to make it to the weekend. As a consequence he has tried harder than any man alive to make the cut and spectators around the world have marvelled at the times he has birdied three out of the last four holes, say, to survive.

But an envious Hale Irwin, who had seen at close quarters the Ballesteros idea of accuracy, spread the idea of Lucky Seve, a label that has haunted him all his days. "I became famous because of that birdie," said Ballesteros yesterday. "It took me nine years to get away from that thing, and that was when I made a birdie at the 16th on the fairway in 1988."

That relatively boring birdie — a drive and nine-iron to 10 inches — gave him a one-stroke lead over Price, a lead he was to hold through to the final green, where he hit one of the greatest shots of one of the greatest rounds of championship golf.



Sole survivor... Gilbert Tuhabonye, the Burundi athlete hoping to run in Atlanta, bears the scars of his horrifying experience

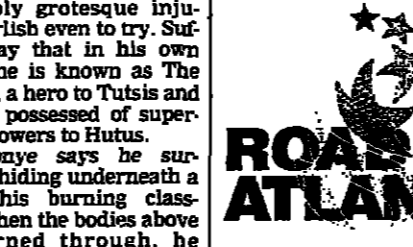
## From nightmare to dream

GILBERT Tuhabonye always loved to run. As a child he ran barefoot for miles around the Burundi village where he grew up. As a teenager he toured the country competing in cross-country races. On the night of October 21, 1993, however, he ran for another reason.

He had been offered a sporting scholarship to Tulane University in the United States. But now his athletic career — and his hopes of escaping his war-ravaged country — appeared to have been buried.

Then in April Jim Minnihan, the director of a Georgia-based programme that trains promising Third World athletes, heard of Tuhabonye's story through the veteran Burundian middle-distance runner Dieudonne Kwizera.

But as of yesterday they looked slim. Burundi, competing for the first time in the Olympics, has just one wildcard slot which it has allocated to a female athlete training in La Grange, Minnihan plans to petition the IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch for a special dispensation to allow Tuhabonye to compete.



Ian Katz continues his series with the remarkable story of the Tutsi runner Gilbert Tuhabonye who made it to Georgia

capital Bujumbura, where he was treated for third-degree burns over much of his body. He spent three months in the hospital, often sleeping on the floor when the beds were allocated to more grievously wounded victims of the ferocious war between the Hutus and the Tutsis.

## Injury-hit Watson gives St Annes cold shoulder

TOM WATSON will not be playing in the Open Championship on Thursday, writes David Davies.

At Fairhaven yesterday Ricky Willison achieved the 14th hole-in-one of his career on his way to qualifying for the Open. The Londoner sank a two-iron at the 226-yard 10th as he produced eight birdies for a course record 65 and a 14-under-par total of 134.

The other three venues he said: "You can't relax. I couldn't even have a drink last night."

## Rugby League

### Leeds crisis deepens as top props eye no-fee moves

John Huxley

BAD financial news followed hard on the heels of a bad football result at Leeds as the relegation-threatened club called what could fairly be described as a crisis meeting yesterday.

## Tennis

### Court No. 1 may host Davis Cup

WIMBLEDON'S No. 1 court, due to be demolished to make way for a new players' and media centre, may be granted a brief reprieve if the LTA agrees to stage Britain's Davis Cup tie with Egypt in September at the All England Club.

## Smith pushing for the power of Perkins

Peter Nichols in Tallahassee on the Scot's chances in the 1500 metres freestyle

ONE name resounds in the distance swimming: Kirsten Perkins. The Australian holds every title going: Olympic, world and Commonwealth. He is so good he not only breaks world records but breaks records in the way to records.

## Knee knocks out Drechsler

GERMANY'S Olympic long jump champion Heike Drechsler has pulled out of the Games after failing to recover fully from torn knee ligaments.

claimed she took the drug by mistake in an over-the-counter Chinese herb medicine. But the IAAF wants to suspend Bevilacqua for three months.

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# Sports Guardian

## Carling hints at player rebellion

Robert Armstrong on the bullish reaction of England's former captain to his side's exclusion from the Five Nations tournament

ENGLAND may soon be forced by its own international players to find a compromise solution to the self-destructive dispute with the three other home unions over the sale of television rights for the Five Nations Championship. Yesterday the former England captain Will Carling said English rugby union could not survive without the tournament and warned that the players would not stand by and accept exclusion. Carling, who has still not been replaced as captain, benefited from player-power 14 months ago after being sacked for his "old farts" remark about the men at Twickenham. Senior England players said they would refuse to accept the captaincy and Carling was reinstated. Yesterday he said that, without the Five Nations, players would feel "trapped, frustrated... playing international rugby is the pinnacle. If that is taken away from you and placed in doubt, you're going to get very, very unhappy players who I don't think will just sit and accept the situation."

*'You're going to get unhappy players who I don't think will accept the situation'*

He agreed that money from television played a significant part in financing the professional game, then added: "But, if the television isn't right, then the sponsorship doesn't come. If rugby, I'm afraid, puts itself on Sky, it cuts down its audience massively. "In terms of the administration, they've got to realise this is a professional game, they have to move quickly. Maybe they're paying the price for not planning and not preparing for a number of years the move towards a professional game. It was always inevitable. Maybe they listened for too long to people who said that rugby union wouldn't go professional. Unfortunately, now it seems to be chaos. They need a lead." However, Twickenham has been offered a glimmer of hope. The French Federation president Bernard Lapasset said next season's visit to England would go ahead and Scotland also welcomed England's request for urgent talks. "There will continue to be one match a year between France and England," said Lapasset. "It is very important that the best two rugby nations in Europe keep playing each other on an annual basis. "This [the exclusion] is the ultimate bluff by the Five Nations Committee. The door is still open but only just. I

still think England will reconsider and there will be a compromise." And last night John Richardson, the new Rugby Football Union president, hinted that Twickenham was prepared to compromise. He said: "We are committed to and value highly the Five Nations Championship. The RFU's principal aim is to ensure the future well-being of English rugby and we believe this includes being part of the family of nations. We are prepared to meet with the other nations and consider ideas consistent with that aim."

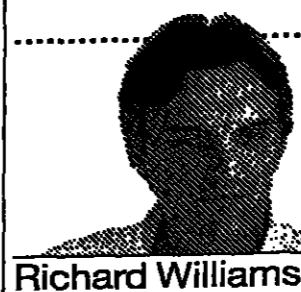
Allan Hoesle, one of two Scottish Rugby Union representatives on the Five Nations Committee, said that, if England were to reconsider, they would have to do it quickly. "If the RFU is to change its stance, it must indicate that change of stance at the earliest opportunity. Given the complexity of the task to organise, we are beyond the 11th hour and hence the necessity of our early announcement on England's exclusion."

"But let me emphasise that England are now excluded from the championship and Scotland and the other home unions, with the support of France, are now going ahead with plans for an alternative championship without England. After striking their \$27.5 million five-year deal with Twickenham, Sky offered Wales \$40 million, Scotland \$30 million and Ireland \$18 million. Wales, Scotland and Ireland insist on equality from the television money, given that England are entitled to a big bonus from their domestic rugby showpieces and extra Twickenham Internationals.



Spanish practice... Ballesteros back at Lytham, where he won in 1979 and 1988 PHIL SHELTON

## A day when Formula One lost the plot



Richard Williams

MY NAME is Michael Schumacher, not David Copperfield," the world champion said in answer to a question from one of a scrum of reporters crowding round him in the Silverstone paddock on Sunday afternoon, anxious to know what had gone wrong with his Ferrari team. "I cannot forecast what the results of our analysis will be." David Copperfield? It was hard not to be impressed. Schumacher is a highly intelligent man, with a growing command of English, but few people would have marked him down as a student of England's greatest novelist. And what on earth did he mean, exactly? What was there to be found in David Copperfield that could be related to his own plight? Or did he mean Great Expectations, perhaps? Oliver Twist, even?

Three or four hours later, as the sun set on the Silverstone traffic jam, the penny dropped. Not David Copperfield as in Charles Dickens. Oh no, David Copperfield as in Claudia Schiffer. As in the showbiz illusionist and his bimbo girlfriend. That's more like it. Or at least it was more like Formula One on Sunday, and a British Grand Prix that seemed more like a showbiz illusion than the pinnacle of a great sport.

Nothing can detract from Jacques Villeneuve's victory, a proper racing achievement from the starting-light to the chequered flag. Of course that didn't stop the Benetton team, who finished a distant second and then tried hard with their post-race protest over a piece of equipment which has been on the Williams-Renault FW18 since it made its debut in Melbourne last March. These are clever chaps. Nothing escapes their attention. They notice a millimetre's difference either way in a hidden gizmo. So did it really take the best brains at Benetton four months and 10 races to spot something like that in plain sight? There were dark mutterings in the paddock that Benetton had been alerted to the supposed infringement - put up to it in other words - by

the engineers at Ferrari. The fruitless protest, which wasted a lot of people's time, was the final play in a day that, one way and another, summarised pretty much all of grand prix racing's current defects. Here's what happens. You queue for hours to get into Silverstone, having paid a fortune for the privilege, and then you queue for hours to get out. In the meantime your hero, who hopes to win his first world championship title this season, messes up his getaway from the grid and then crashes because someone hasn't tightened up a wheelnut. Your sentimental favourites at Ferrari, a team who have been in the game for longer than anyone, and who won the very first British Grand Prix 46 years ago and now operate with a virtually unlimited annual budget, prove for the third time in three races that they no longer know how to get either of their cars past the first half-dozen laps. And as for racing... well, after the first corner, you could have been forgiven for thinking that overtaking had been banned. Which, given the technical regulations and what they do to the cars, it more or less has, *de facto*.

SILVERSTONE, which once had an average speed of almost 150mph for Formula One cars, has been redesigned over the years to include as many as possible of those "rough second-gear corners" which allow television viewers to read the advertising hoardings without too much eye-strain. What they do to the actual racing is summed up in the attitude of the people who go to Silverstone to race historic cars. Appalled by the latest configuration, and what it did to the racing, they persuaded the circuit owners to realign the corners whenever they have one of their highly enjoyable meetings.

Gerhard Berger, who came second in the grand prix, was typically honest when he was asked afterwards to sum up the nature of Sunday's race. "To overtake with a Formula One car these days is nearly impossible," he said. "There's too much risk involved." Don't get me wrong. I love grand prix racing, for all its faults. But I don't expect all the 100,000 people who turned up on Sunday to love it as much as I do. And I don't expect them all to be back next year, which is something that Formula One needs to think hard about.

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## Champion keeps an Open mind

THE Open champion John Daly arrived at Royal Lytham yesterday in typically confident mood for a repeat victory when the championship begins on Thursday. The Wild Thing took his first look at the 18th hole and described it as having "more bunkers than I have ex-wives". Bernhard Langer also flew in, but minus his

clubs. The 38-year-old German said: "They didn't put them on the plane at Munich. It's a shame, it's a nice day to play." One golden great who will be missing is Tom Watson, who was hoping to equal Harry Vardon's record of six titles. He withdrew with a shoulder injury. David Davies, page 16

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Set by Rover

**Across**

- 8 Stumbling around is an antediluvian (8)
- 9 It ventilates a French palace (6)
- 10 Check in some well-travelled Italians (4)
- 11 Indirectly, the fastest mover on the clock... (6-4)
- 12 ... Record American athletic event (6)
- 14 Satyr has cavorted in waste places (3-5)
- 15 Call upon bishop with exotic chess (7)
- 17 Lively alien meat (7)
- 20 Finished end of school in tussle (5)
- 22 It could be used for repairing damage left by snake (6)
- 23 Huebanded of Queen's household? (10)

**Down**

- 1 Firmes out of control if niled after outbreak of wrath (8)
- 2 Stop awkward delivery (4)
- 3 Bones found in biblical city (6)
- 4 Re-drafted circular almost essential (7)
- 5 Two messurs with the monarch as decklar! (8)
- 6 Licensed house with Triad involvement (10)
- 7 Bond's old mother (6)
- 13 Scroogel Poor fish! (10)
- 16 Trust English Non-Conformist to enter Creed wrangle (8)

**18 Regular carol service (8)**  
**19 Using 'White Cab' without a charm (7)**  
**21 Piece of stole covering up fur (5)**  
**22 Many cricketing-sides keep one (6)**  
**24 Girl I met in Writing Society (4)**

**Solution tomorrow**

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